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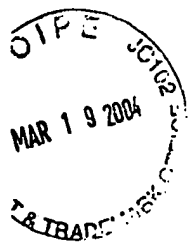
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The Reply Brief, filed on 3/15/2004 is Noted. The application is forwarded to the Board of Appeals and Interferences for further considerations.


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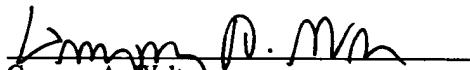
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SUMMARY OF REPLY

Point 1

The rejections of claims 1 and 8 are defective. The Examiner's Answer asserts that a combination of a Ziarno reference with a "well known" printer is obvious. The Answer also asserts that a combination of Ziarno with a "well known" wireless modem is obvious.

However, even if the Answer is correct, the Answer has merely shown that

- Ziarno-plus-printer is obvious
- and
- Ziarno-plus-modem is obvious.

That does not show the claims. Even if the Answer is correct, at best, it merely shows that two **SUB-SETS** of the claims are obvious.

But section 103 requires that the invention "as a whole" be shown obvious.

REPLY
BRIEF
NOTES

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